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# The OIB

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### God Sent Forth His Son...and Spirit



**I**t's Christmas in the year 2000. Let's think about it from a slightly different perspective—Paul's. God sent forth His Son at the time we call Christmas and He also sends His Spirit into the heart of all who believe in His Son. The coming of the Son makes way for the coming of the Spirit. *"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" (Galatians 4:4-7).*

This familiar Christmas text actually details two sendings for us—first, the sending of the Son and second, the sending of the Spirit. The sending of the Son signals a tremendous change internationally whereas the sending of the Spirit signals a tremendous change individually. The

Son arrived at the time we call Christmas and the Spirit at the time we designate as conversion. The Son arrived in the home of Joseph and Mary and the Spirit arrives in the heart each believer. When seen together, these two comings are very significant for us.

#### ***The Two Comings Mark A Time Of Graduation***

Graduation is a time of coming of age, growing up, a radical change of status. Before the Father sent the Son He had been relating to Old Testament believers as to little children. They were kept under the elementary tutelage of the law of Moses—the ABC's of God's will and way. According to Galatians 4:1-3 the Old Testament saints were treated as children with minority status and without inheritance rights. This is why there were so many rules and regulations governing their lives.

With the coming of the Son, however, that childish status was changed forever. Now believers in Christ are adopted into God's family on a totally new level, that is, graduated into adult status— from the first minute they believe the gospel. Now they enjoy full inheritance rights as adult children in the family. Galatians 4:5-7 contrasts sharply the term, "son," with the term, "children," used in 4:1-3. Even in our day minor children cannot inherit from their parents until they attain legal status as adults.

Yes, God the Father decided to "graduate" the human race and to treat them on a new plane, and the day He "pulled it off" is the day we celebrate as Christmas.

#### ***The Two Comings Mark a Time of Liberation***

"To redeem them out from under the law"—these words state one of the main purposes behind the coming of the Son and the Spirit. Both the Son and the Spirit have come to redeem us out from under the law. With the coming of Christ we were released from Moses' law in principle; with the coming of the Spirit we are released from it in practice.

Christ fulfilled the law in His life and nailed it for us to His cross (Colossians 2:11-15). The Spirit takes up permanent residence in a believer's heart and enables him to walk according to a much higher law.

To speak of "liberation from law" can sound like a risky concept, but in actuality it is both biblical and safe. We have been released from the law of Moses so as to be attached to the higher law—the law of Christ, which is the law of love. The believer who "walks in the Spirit" actually fulfills the law of Moses automatically and almost incidentally. Spirit-filled believers fulfill the righteous requirement of the law according to Paul (see Romans 8:1-4 and 13:8-10).

Being liberated from the law of Moses is akin to getting married to the man you love. As one story goes, a man lost his wife early on in their marriage and needed a housekeeper to come in daily and care for the chores. Each morning he would leave her a list of things to be done, which she would dutifully check off when she had completed each task.

Over the passage of time the two fell in love with each other, married, and, you guessed it, that was the end of the list. Her love for her husband motivated her to do much more than any list could ever initiate. So, too, with the law of Moses. Our love for Christ motivates us to do far more than any Old Testament list could ever initiate in our hearts. To be free from that law is a grand liberation to a higher plane of living which flows from a deeper level of motivation.

#### ***The Two Comings Mark a Time of Celebration***

Both graduation and liberation are happy terms. They indicate closure and success. There is a certain joy that

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### On The Move In Ohio

**P**at and I thank each of you and all of you for your prayers and kindness shown to us this year. We have been warmly received across the state and thank you for the special treatment, though undeserved, which you shower on us. We do rejoice in our connection with you and in the health and growth of so many of our churches. It is always gratifying when we sense a healthy/happy relationship going on between pastor and people.

In actuality, it is difficult to believe that this year is about history, since the Y2K non-event still seems so fresh in our memories. We have been on the move in two senses. We have been out and about among the churches, having now personally visited services in over 150 of our churches. We have logged 40,000+ miles this year in coming to see you.

We have also moved twice this year, once in April and a second time in November. In order to have an in-home office we sold our home in the 'Ville, rented temporarily in the country and began building a new house. This being accomplished, we moved back into the village of Cedarville and now occupy 360 College Hill Drive. We are still settling in to this new abode, amidst boxes, desks, computers, files, and the like.

We are looking forward to having all four of our children home for the Christmas holidays. We are staying home; they will be on the move! We trust the Lord will grant to you and yours a holiday time that is worshipful, productive, refreshing, and relaxing. God bless you!

### Missionary Outreach Is Not Optional

**W**e learn from the Word of God that the business of every New Testament church should be the expansion of the pure message and influence of the gospel. "Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations" (Isaiah 54:2).

Various figures, each one illustrating growth and expansion, depict the New Testament church. The *Flock* must increase. The figure of the *Bride* presents the church as a family unit whose task is to multiply and replenish the earth. Sometimes the church is pictured as the *Body of Christ*, and a body is designed to grow.

In Ephesians 4, two words, "grow" and "increase" stand out. Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches" (John 15:5). And we all know that the

purpose of a branch is to bear fruit. The Savior adds, "Herein is My Father glorified that you bear much fruit." This teaches us the obvious: we must widen our ministry; it is not optional, it is imperative.

We are all interested in models. We have model cars, model homes, model airplanes, and, hopefully, a few model husbands and wives. When we open any book or commentary, or read any message about the church in Thessalonica, they all describe this church as a New Testament model.

I Thessalonians 1:1-8 spells out the characteristics of this model. Reading these verses, the characteristics of a model church are obvious. They had a converted membership and a distinguishing feature we call missionary zeal. "From you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing" (verse 8).

Do you consider the church in Thessalonica to be a model church? What entitles this church such worthy praise? I believe it was their DETERMINATION to evangelize; we can think either large or small. When we bring this kind of determination into church planting, we must be willing to bear the cost in time and money. Someone has well said, "If the Christian faith is worth anything, it is worth everything."

### God Sent Forth...continued

comes from progress, from moving out and moving up. Because God sent His Son into our world and because He has also sent His Spirit into our hearts we do rejoice:

- Not as minor children but as full-fledged adults
- Not as slaves but as free
- Not as those without inheritance rights, but as heirs of all that belongs to our Father.

We have moved out and we have moved up—not because we have pulled ourselves up by our own bootstraps but because our Father has dispatched both His Son and His Spirit into our lives! Thus, we celebrate!!

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## Conference Highlights

### Association Honors Faithful Laborers

**A**t our 73rd Annual Conference held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo on October 23-24, 2000, we honored two very special couples who labor among us. On Monday evening we honored David and Shirley Shimp who have served the Lord through our Association for over 40 years. Rev. Shimp currently serves as pastor of the Litchfield Baptist Church in Litchfield. His son-in-law, Rev. Tim Heinrich, pastor of the Vermillion Baptist Church in Perrysville, read a detailed account of the Shimps' life and ministry to the messengers in attendance on Monday evening.



Sue & Phil Miller

On Tuesday evening we honored Phil and Sue Miller, faithful members of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus. Phil serves behind the scenes as assistant treasurer/accountant for our Association in addition to his role as deacon and youth sponsor at the church. Sue is much loved and well-known by the ladies across the state as the president of the OWMU. Sue travels the state, attends ladies' meetings, speaks at various occasions and carries on an active ministry with the youth in her church as well. You would think she is a paid member of the OARBC staff as much as she "shows up" at Association events.

Rev. Bill Abernathy, pastor at Immanuel, read a detailed account of the Millers' ministries to the messengers on Tuesday evening.

We give honor to whom it is due, and these certainly deserve our notice. We praise the Lord for them!



David & Shirley Shimp

### Messengers Choose New Council Members

An important feature of our annual conference is the seating of the new Council of Twelve. This year four new members were elected. The 2000-2001 Council of Twelve is as follows:

Bill Abernathy (Peggy), Immanuel Baptist, Columbus, ('01)  
Dennis Burns (Jana), Faith Baptist, Kenton ('01)  
Merlyn Jones (Nancy), Faith Baptist, Mount Vernon ('01)  
Jeff Willetts (Kathy), Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine ('01)  
Bill Davis (June), Bible Baptist, Bedford ('02)  
Jim McClain (Janice), Calvary Baptist, Norwalk ('02)  
Ben Reed (Pam), First Baptist, Niles ('02)  
Tom Wright, Jr. (Sue), Memorial Baptist, Columbus ('02)  
Mark Ashley (Deb), Northfield Baptist, Northfield ('03)  
Dave Chapman (Linda), Fostoria Baptist, Fostoria ('03)  
Tim Kenoyer (Judith), Maranatha Baptist, Columbus ('03)  
Jim Read (Dottie), Pleasant Heights Baptist, East Liverpool ('03)

### Rittman First Baptist Wins State Rep's Award

Congratulations to First Baptist of Rittman for taking home the State Rep's Attendance Award wreath. The *local area fellowship* with the highest percentage of its churches represented at the conference is the winning area. This year that was the Canton area. The church from *that area* which has the highest individual attendance among those churches takes home the prize wreath. Pastor Brett and Kim Deffenbaugh represented the Rittman church in claiming their prize. At least eight people from First in Rittman attended some part of the conference.

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# As You Go...

(Submitted by a reader  
in Bellefontaine)

**H**e thought Baptists were known to be bad people. But by God's design he was also the one who handled the printing needs for my ministry, and one for whom God gave me a burden to reach with the gospel. I asked him out to lunch at a really expensive place (Hardees) and gave my testimony, sharing the Romans Road with him. He acted uncomfortable, looking around to see if anyone was watching him. He explained that talking about such in public was not right for him. "Fine. We can meet at my place or yours," I answered. Later at home his wife joined us as we met again, and for each of their questions, I showed them God's answers. The more answers they received, the more their trust grew. A year and a half later, this 65 year old couple received Christ as Savior. Ones who once thought Baptists were known to be bad people were both baptized and are now active members of our church. To God be the glory.

You see them regularly. Some you even know by name—printers, bank tellers, mechanics, plumbers and mailmen. As they perform services for you, do a great service for them and tell them the good news — "As You Go."  
(edited by David Chapman  
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To follow up the camp week, pastors of the sponsoring church went to each home to talk with the children and their parents about the experience. Parents who at first just thought it a good idea for the church to take their kids for a week were now amazed at the change they saw in their children. The pastors were able to share why this change took place and have led many to the Lord in these follow-up sessions.

Next summer, Scioto will offer another week for churches to sponsor children ages 8-12 to attend Scioto Hills. During this week, we will add more counselors and staff to meet these children's needs and share with them the wonderful love of Christ. If your church would like to join other churches in sponsoring young people from your hometown, please call the camp office for more information. This truly is an incredibly effective investment in the lives of the children and families of your city or neighborhood. Look for more information about our Sponsor Week in the 2001 Program Guide.

## Camp Patmos

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**T**he application for our permit to build a dock for Patmos appears to be right on schedule. This application includes five pages of drawings showing how the dock will be built and

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Junior Retreat #2	Mar 16-17

Contact the Ranch office for registration information.

### Summer Staff Recruiting

Now is the time to begin the search for our 2001 summer staff. Please help us find spiritually strong and growing high school and college students to serve the Lord this summer. Applications are available through our offices.

### Summer Camp Registration

Start your summer camp recruiting now. Summer camp brochures are in the mail. A week at summer camp will make a great Christmas gift! Promotional videos are available. Call now to schedule a Ranch representative to share the summer camp opportunity with your church family.

### Ranch Expansion Program

We are still moving ahead with plans for the new Dining Hall/ Chapel Building. Our grant application for more than half of the money needed for this building is still under consideration. We anticipate an answer on the grant by January 1.

### Prayer, Prayer, And More Prayer

Thank you for your part in intercession for our ministry. We are grateful for the important part that you play in the Lord's work at Skyview Ranch. We invite you to continue your partnership with us this new year.

inviting any questions from various authorities.

The "Dock Fund" as of mid-November had received \$18,300. By January 2001 we need to raise \$21,600 more to pay the down payment on the dock. Pray about our need. Should you be led to help, please send your gifts to Camp Patmos, 7854 N. Boyden Rd., Sagamore Hills, OH 44067. Thank you.



## Dear Ladies of OWMU

I read with interest and total agreement John Greening's article, "What's in a Name?" in the November 2000 issue of the *Baptist Bulletin*. If you have not read it, you should. If you have, you will know it was an appeal to be proud of our Baptist heritage...proud enough to use the name, to be identified as Baptist.

One sentence in the article really caught my attention. It read: "Often, I observe that when the name 'Baptist' is removed, a loyal commitment to the heritage gradually diminished." I believe that is true.

That same thing seems to happen when the word "missionary" is dropped from our Women's Fellowships. Before long "a loyal commitment to the heritage gradually diminished." Missionary letters gradually go unread, the requests and pleas for prayer unheeded. Missionary cupboards gradually become as bare as Mother Hubbard's, the items left, too outdated for her dog. Missionary mailboxes gradually contain few, if any, notes of encouragement, the ones there usually from family. Missionary visits to

our churches become lower in attendance, the lack of interest sadly evident. Missionary fields, "white unto harvest," will remain empty, potential laborers not seeing the need.

Now before you say it, I'll say it for you. "Sue, you're meddling." I guess I am, and I admit as John Greening did, that I am a bit biased. Women's Missionary Fellowships—local, area and state—are very dear to my heart. But don't you think they are dear to God's heart as well? After all, this is the season when we celebrate the birth of His Son, the Missionary He sent from heaven to earth, the One who, in turn, told us to "go into all the world" with His Good News.

Oh yes, yes, yes, missions and missionaries remain dear to God's heart, and they must remain dear to ours. So let's not drop the name "missionary" from our fellowships or from our hearts. The cost is too dear. The godly heritage, too precious.

In His Love,  
Sue

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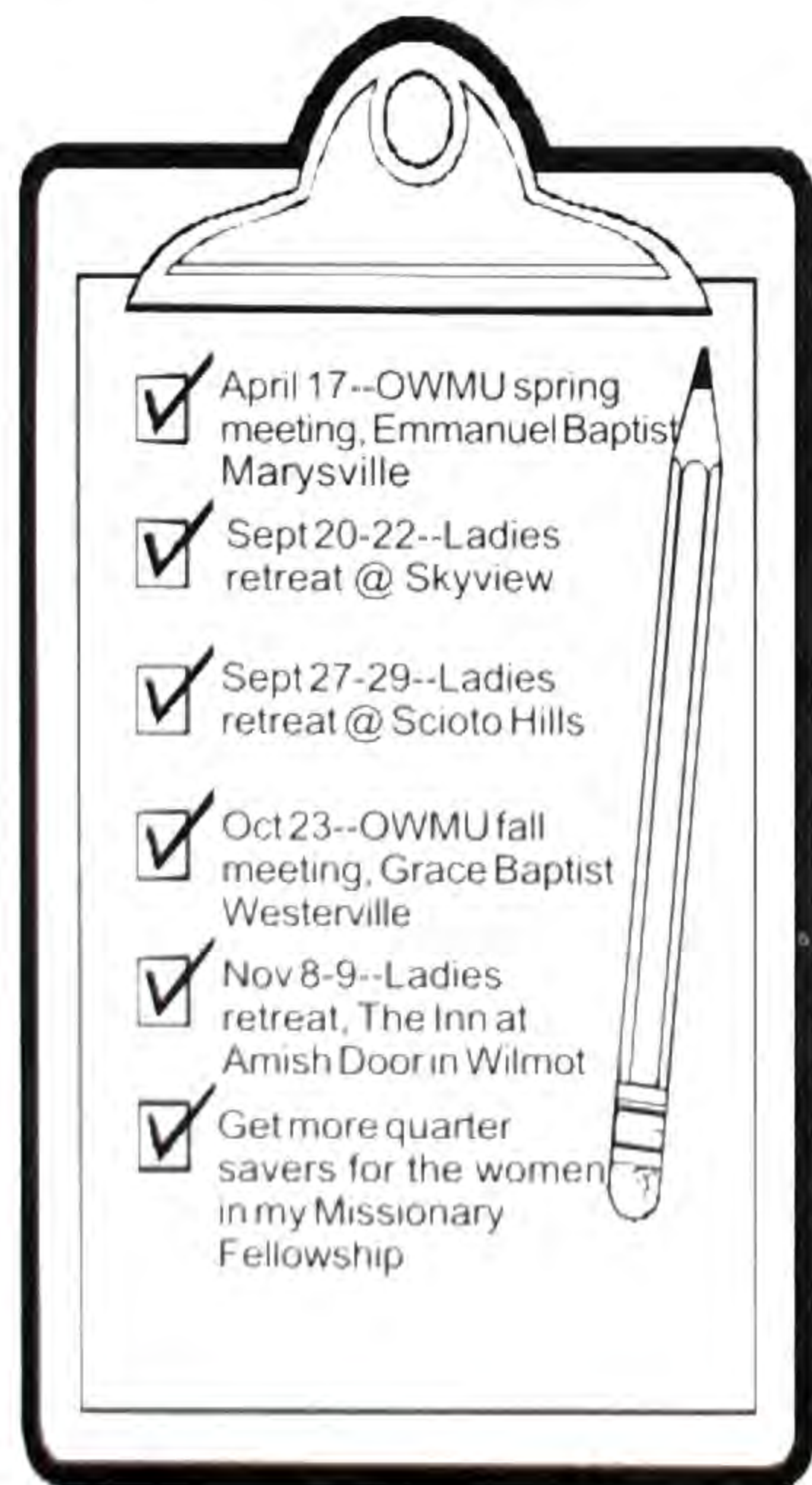
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# Across the State



Dave & Darlene Murdoch

◆ Pastor Dennis Martin, **First Baptist of Brunswick**, writes, "We were blessed to have the Murdochs minister at our church recently. They share their love for the Lord through their songs as well as their lives."

◆ **First Baptist of LaGrange** dedicated their new building on Sunday afternoon, November 12. The dedication service was followed by an open house of the facility. Noel and Dianna Hack lead the flock in LaGrange.

◆ An ordination council was convened at **Northfield Baptist** to examine Brad Rickard, who has served as an associate pastor of the church for six years. An ordination service was held October 15. Don Rickard, Brad's father, gave the charge to the candidate, and OARBC State Representative David Warren delivered the charge to the church.

Brad and his wife, Becky, are graduates of Cedarville College. Mark Ashley is senior pastor at Northfield.



On October 29, 2000, the **First Baptist Church of Niles**

family honored a very special member of the congregation, Mrs. Margie Tompkins. Mrs.

Tompkins is the church organist and has devoted

herself to this voluntary ministry for the past 40 years, also serving as substitute organist 10 years previous, for a total of 50 years. Eager to show appreciation, the congregation surprised Mrs. Tompkins with a beautiful corsage during the morning worship service and also with a reception after the evening service, which included several special music selections by the church's mixed quartet, men's quartet, and soloist Eric John Hawout. Members gave many warm expressions of the blessing Mrs. Tompkins has been to them and voiced their appreciation of her faithfulness and love for the Lord. A love gift was presented to Mrs. Tompkins along with several cards. Humble as ever, Mrs. Tompkins expressed her thankfulness and appreciation for a church family that loves the Lord and His music.

G. Ben Reed is pastor of First Baptist.



◆ Members of the **Fostoria Baptist Church** participated in an "Act of Kindness" outreach in the community July 13. On that day

scores of professional and amateur bicyclists arrived to ride in the "Tour of Ohio

Bicycle Race" in downtown Fostoria. Three hundred "Impact 2000" cards (from RBP) picturing an out-of-control bicycle rider were distributed along with free cans of pop to the spectators. On the back of each card was an invitation and personal message from the church. David Chapman is pastor at Fostoria Baptist.

◆ **Faith Baptist of Elida** celebrated its 30th anniversary on Sunday, September 17 with guest soloist Branda Suplita. At the same time they held a mortgage burning for their Activities Building. A reception followed the evening service. Dan and Joyce Adams head up the work at Elida.

◆ **Faith Baptist of Kenton** officially began its building expansion program on Sunday, November 12. The church recently purchased an additional 4.5 acres to accommodate the expansion. A groundbreaking date is scheduled to be announced in February.



◆ Not only do brand-new churches use the telephone to find prospects for church growth, so also did the **Calvary Baptist Church of Findlay**. Recently, in

cooperation with Continental Baptist Missions, they dialed up every home in Findlay and discovered many interested parties. Some have been saved as a result of this effort and church members are following up on others who expressed interest. Gordon and Harriet Dickson lead the work at Calvary.

◆ **The First Baptist Church of Bowling Green** started a monthly Round Robin Quilt Group & Bible Study. Fostoria women were their guests for the October Ladies Missionary Fellowship meeting with Pat Warren as speaker. The evening was both encouraging and beneficial. The men met simultaneously with David Warren for a men's workshop on the ministry of deacon.



◆ Ken Ham, founder/executive director of Answers in Genesis, held a seminar at **First Baptist Church of Blanchester**,

November 12th and 13th. His topics were "Dinosaurs as Missionary Lizards,"

"Reconnecting the Bible to the Real World, Beginning with Genesis," "Six Days or Millions or Years?," and "Answering Your Most Asked Questions About Genesis." Other churches as well as visitors combined with First Baptist members for a large attendance. Ken Ham's dynamic presentations equip one to put on biblical glasses and be amazed at how the Bible explains the real world. Ken, a native Australian, is the author of many books and articles on Genesis, and is the host of a daily radio program, heard on hundreds of stations internationally.

Jan Michael Schaedel is pastor at Blanchester.

◆ Englewood's **Union Baptist** celebrated its 40th anniversary on November 5. Former pastors Jerry Locher and Charles Arnett spoke in the morning service and Dr. James Entner and present pastor Laird Baldwin presented afternoon messages.

Baldwin, who began his pastorate at Union Baptist in 1998, recently received his Doctor of Theology from Andersonville Baptist Seminary of Carmilla, Georgia.

◆ **South Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship** met September 28 at First Baptist of Troy. Officers elected for the new year are: president, Debbie Vallery; vice president, Jean Worch; secretary, Joanne Frank and treasurer, Jean Fisher.



**The Bible Baptist Church** of Madison is pleased to announce that it has called James Burnett to come as youth pastor. James is a 2000 graduate of

Pensacola Christian College with a degree in Youth

Ministries. He served as a summer evangelist with Neighborhood Bible Time. Pastor James grew up at Bible Baptist, and they are looking forward to his ministry among the youth.





Pastor Larry  
& Joanne Engle

◆ The congregation of the Graham Road Baptist Church in Cuyahoga Falls honored Pastor and Mrs. Larry Engle (Joanne) on the occasion of their completing 20 years of ministry there. In a special Saturday evening gathering in August the church gave the Engles a grandfather clock and a Thomas Kincaid painting.



◆ Craig Parrow was examined by an ordination council on October 6. The council unanimously recommended ordination to the Grace Baptist Church of Westerville. Brother Parrow was commended for his humble and teachable spirit.

J. Murray Murdoch is senior pastor at Westerville.



◆ An examining council comprised of 19 men representing 13 churches convened at the **Millersburg Baptist Church** on Oct 19 to examine the propriety of ordaining Pastor David Mullins to the gospel ministry. After a recommendation and commendation from the council, the church proceeded with ordination. An ordination service was held Oct 22 with Pastor David Robertson, father-in-law of the candidate, delivering the charge to the candidate. Pastor Stephen Olsen delivered the charge to the church and Pastor Tom Wright brought the message. Pastor Mullins previously served as a youth pastor at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and has served as senior pastor at Millersburg for just over a year.



◆ The **Harmony Hill Baptist Church of New Matamoras** invites you to attend their outdoor Christmas pageant. Entitled, "An Old Fashioned Christmas." The 40-minute drama will be presented Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 8, 9, and 10 at 7:00 each evening in the church parking lot. Dress warmly and rekindle your love for the blessed Christmas story.

## Max Helps Maximize Ministries

Rev. Max Tucker was the guest speaker at Faith Baptist Church of Kenton on Sunday November 12 during the morning worship service and for the church's "Program of Progress" Banquet following the service.

The banquet, which was held at the church's original public meeting site, the Veteran's Memorial Golf Course Club-house, marked the official beginning of Faith's building expansion program. Rev. Tucker presented his personal testimony of God's blessing through numerous building programs with which he had been involved and presented a biblical model for construction funding based on the account of Joash in 2 Kings 12 and 2 Chronicles 24. Joash, charged with a building project, "did that which was right in the sight of the Lord;" the people purposed in their hearts what they should give; a plan was devised to make collection of their gifts via depositing money into a chest, from which it was withdrawn to pay the expenses of the building program. Those in attendance at the banquet were challenged to consider/purpose in their own hearts what they would trust God to help them give, quarterly, to the building expansion project. Following a time of prayer and family "huddles," those in attendance responded with unsigned pledges totaling nearly \$13,000 quarterly. "Joash bags" were distributed and a "Joash chest" was displayed. The first offering is scheduled for February 2001.

Building expansion plans have been in the making for several years as the church continues to experience consistent and sustained growth and has now exhausted all currently available space.

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## Pray To Keep Our State Motto!



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Ohio's State Motto is under attack! The accompanying picture, printed by the *Christian Citizen* newspaper, depicts a 24-hour prayer vigil that took place at the State House in Columbus on October 9, 2000. People were praying for the election as well as for saving our state motto, "With God, All Things Are Possible." Just a few short years ago, the state of Colorado was forced to remove a monument of the Ten Commandments from one of its state parks; then came Columbine. Similar action has been taken against a Ten Commandments plaque in Indiana. Now Ohio's motto, "With God All Things Are Possible," is under attack. The ACLU is currently trying to force the removal of our state motto from its place on the west side of the State House. Do we care enough to pray?

## Cedarville University

Dr. James MacDonald, founding pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, presented the 2000 Fall Bible Conference series at Cedarville University. In his evening messages, MacDonald used the book of Jonah to illustrate our need for obedience and repentance. In the morning sermons, he challenged listeners to have hope in the future by reflecting on the message of Revelation. Many students recommitted themselves to the Lord during the conference.

The CDR Radio Network, Cedarville University's broadcast outreach, has announced the beginning of three new affiliate stations in southeastern Ohio. The facilities are translator stations which will re-broadcast almost 100 percent of what other listeners hear on other affiliate stations. Located in Athens, Jackson, and the Piketon/Waverly areas, the translator stations will reach listeners in Pike, Jackson, Vinton, Washington, Meigs, Morgan, Gallia, and Athens counties.

"New Face, Same Place" was the theme for Cedarville's Homecoming, held October 20-22. The weekend was filled with class reunions, sports matches, a parade, silent auction to raise money for alumni scholarships, alumni

awards, a singles' summit, praise and fellowship, and a Steve Green concert.

Homecoming weekend also saw the dedication of the University's newest building, the Stevens Student Center. Named after Al and Joanna Stevens of Moorestown, N.J., the 150,000 square-foot Center houses new dining facilities, student support offices and organizations, and a state-of-the-art theater. The Stevens are strong supporters of Cedarville University; Al is in his fourteenth year as a member of the board of trustees.

The fall play, *Smoke on the Mountain*, came to the University's new theater Nov. 9-11 and 16-18. Set in 1938, the play focused on the Sanders Family Singers as they came off a five-year hiatus from the gospel-singing circuit to appear at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in North Carolina. Full of old-fashioned singing and witnessing, the play provided a refreshing evening for a full house. The play coincided with the University's annual Grandparents Weekend festivities.

"Go organ!" Whenever Cedarville University senior Tim Priano hears that cue through his headset, Columbus hockey

fans get another rousing song on the organ. Priano serves as the inaugural organist for the brand-new professional hockey expansion team, the Columbus Blue Jackets.

"It was never really a lifetime goal of mine, but I thought it would be a lot of fun to do," Priano explained. "I couldn't think of anything better than to play the organ and watch hockey at the same time."



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